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CIVIL AIR PATROL CADETS TAKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Finger Lakes Group is pleased to announce that the Finger Lakes Cadet Drill Team took the championship winning the coveted USAF Chief of Staff Sweepstakes Award Trophy at the National Cadet Competition held in Washington D.C.

The event was held over the course of five days from 6-11 July 2005 at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, part of the National Air & Space Museum, at Washington Dulles Airport. The National Cadet Competition [NCC] is an annual program to evaluate the best team of cadets represented at wing, region and national levels for drill teams and color guards. The NCC enables cadets to model traits of the highest standards of leadership and personal responsibility.

The NCC encompasses the National Drill Team Competition [NDTC] and the National Color Guard Competition [NCGC]. Teams came from across the United States to compete for the United States Air Force Chief of Staff Sweepstakes Award (given to the first place NDTC and NCGC winners), as well as other top awards. The teams selected to come to this year's NCC have won their respective wing and region competitions.

In addition to winning the overall competition for Drill, the Drill Team received 1st Place in the Written Exam, 1st Place in Panel Bowl, and 2nd Place in the Volleyball competition. Cadet Yvonne Greco had the fastest female mile time in the drill team competition, and received the Fleet Foot award for that. Cadets Alex Rossbach and Brian Woodlock received a 91 on the knowledge exam, and were awarded Highest Written Exam Score.

The Cadets who won the National Drill Team Competition are from the Batavia Cadet, Condor Composite and Rochester Composite Squadrons, all part of New York Wing's Finger Lakes Group. The Group covers the counties of Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Monroe, Livingston, Wayne, Ontario, Yates, and Seneca.

The cadet members participating in the Drill Team are Team Captain Erik Johnson, Joshua Dodsworth, Ryan Galleto, Yvonne Greco, Caleb Irwin, Josh McCann, Joseph Milazzo, Vadim Race, Todd Richenberg, Alexander Rossbach, Matthew Sanford, Mark Vaughn, Marissa Weselak, Kathryn Wiczorek, Brian Woodlock, and Andrew Scalzo.

The team's senior member advisors are Major Stephen Mayer, Advisor; 1st Lt Linda Johnson, Assistant Advisor; and staff members 2nd Lt David Sanford, 2nd Lt Susan Sanford, and 2nd Lt Kathleen Vaughn.

The Finger Lakes Group of CAP is the supervisory echelon of the five squadrons in the Group; Condor Composite Squadron, Rochester Composite Squadron, Canandaigua Composite Squadron, Batavia Cadet Squadron, and Rochester Senior Squadron. On the Web visit: www.nywg.cap.gov/flg

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